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***Response to Amendment***

The reply filed on December 28, 2005 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s):

The examiner of record respectfully requests clarification on the use of the phrase "**penetrating structure**" in the pending claims. The phrase "**penetrating structure**" is not defined in the specification. Accordingly, the examiner would like applicant's comments concerning the lack of support for this phrase or an indication of where support can be located in the specification. See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment.


EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Manuel Mendez whose telephone number is 703-272-4977. The examiner can normally be reached on 0730-1800 hrs.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mr. Nicholas D. Lucchesi can be reached on 571-272-4977. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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